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Applicant: Michael R. Krause et al.

Examiner: David E. England

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AMENDMENT/REPLY

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Dear Sir:

Telephonic Examiner Interview Summary

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the telephonic Examiner Interview of May 8, 2006, between Applicants representative Patrick G. Billig and Examiner David E. England. As also summarized in the Examiner Interview Summary from Examiner England mailed May 15, 2006, Attorney Billig noted that the Miller et al. patent teaches a threshold of a number of allowed dropped frames not a percentage of destination application instances that receive every unit in the first unit of work stream in the expected defined order as recited in amended independent claims 1 and 29. Examiner England agreed, as indicated in the May 15, 2006, Examiner Interview Summary, that the above-statement is correct and that the Miller et al. patent does not teach amended independent claims 1 and 29.

In addition, Examiner England agreed that the added language in independent claims 1 and 29 of "from the source device to the corresponding one of the multiple destination devices" clarifies the claim language with regards to the Response to Arguments made by the Examiner in the Final Office Action dated March 9, 2006, at paragraph 77.

Thus, Examiner England agreed that the current cited references including the Miller et al. patent are overcome with the below amendments to independent claims 1 and 29, however, Examiner England stated that the newly added claim language will require further search and consideration.

Amendment/Reply

This Amendment/Reply accompanies the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) 37 CFR 1.114 and is in reply to the Final Office Action mailed March 9, 2006 and the telephonic Examiner Interview on May 8, 2006. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: